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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI
for the Intelligence Community

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Russian Linguists

I would like to have someone on a medium priority basis look into the prospects for our supply of Russian linguists. I wonder if we shouldn't take stock within the Intelligence Community of how many billets we have which presently require Russian linguists; what each agency thinks the future will bring with regard to increases or decreases; and what, if any, programs the various agencies have to increase their supply as needed. My instincts simply tell me that it looks as though this could be a crunch point sometime in the future. Perhaps a coordinated approach to this problem would be useful, e.g., is the military training a lot of people in Russian who work for a few years at NSA and then get out? Should we perhaps have some system for insuring that they are offered jobs in other parts of the Intelligence Community if their talents are so suited, e.g., should we deliberately subsidize students in this area with some obligation to serve in the Intelligence Community thereafter?


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